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To Nervous Sufferers.

It is not a very pleasurable task we have undertaken, that of issuing a treatise to *Nervous Sufferers* and those afflicted with *Chronic Diseases*. What we chiefly wish is to gain the confidence of our patients and the public, and hope by a straightforward statement of our object and plan of treatment to permanently merit that confidence. But we have many difficulties and prejudices to overcome before that end can be obtained—the greatest of these is the fact that numerous imposters have advertised worthless preparations at different times, andthose who ha ve so often been deceived fear again to trust themselves to advertised remedies. In

England our firm has for many years overcome this prejudice, but in Canada it is only of late years that we have been advertising and selling our remedies, and so of course we cannot expect the public to recive us with confidence unless we can prove to them that our intentions are strictly honourable, and that we practise not merely to extort money from our patients, but that our earnest endeavours is to do them good as well as reimburse ourselves for our time and knowledge.

The question now is, which is the best way to attain these objects? When we first established an agency in Canada it was our intention to sell **Dr. J. Bell Simpson's Specific and Tonic Pills** only, but the great demand for them and the frequent requests for special treatment decided us upon having one of the medical gentlemen connected with the English firm come to Canada for the purpose of visiting those places where his services were in request.

Dr. Simpson's partner, who arrived in Canada in the early part of the present year (1874), has had many years experience

with DR. J. BELL SIMPSON in LONDON, ENGLAND. He intended at first to remain for a few months only, and visited several towns and cities, but no sooner was his arrival announced than the applications for treatment became so numerous that it occupied nearly his whole time in attending to them. To remedy this, he has decided to remain permanently in Canada, and for this purpose has established an office at ***No. 28 Market Street, corner of Park Street, Hamilton;*** the number is conspicuous on the door and the office being situate near the centre of the city is very easily found.

We regret to say that there is a class of men who denounce newspaper advertising calling it unprofessional, although they take good care to advertise themselves in every other way possible. At the risk of being called unprofessional, we contend that it is only justice to the suffering to let it be known in the plainest possible manner that a road is open to them out of all their trouble, and at least a chance of recovery given them. Therefore it follows that the only way to let the public know what we claim to be able to do is to advertise.

DR. J. BELL SIMPSON, the oldest partner in the firm of J. BELL SIMPSON & Co., was in youth the pupil and in later years the partner and friend of the late DR. W. WILLIS MOSELEY, of London, England, acknowledged to be the greatest authority in the world on *Nervous Diseases* from whatever cause arising, and than whom no man in the history of medicine has borne a more wide spread reputation. His consulting rooms were constantly filled with patients—numbers of whom ranked among England's nobility. Hundreds came yearly from long distances to consult him, and his correspondence was enormous. His fees were often as high as ONE HUNDRED GUINEAS for a consultation. In such a school did DR. J. BELL SIMPSON first learn the science of the successful treatment of *Chronic Diseases*, and he has himself attained a reputation equal to that of his talented partner. Although we by no means desire it to be thought that we can in every case effect a cure, for there are some cases which will defy every effort, still we do claim that from long experience in the metropolis of the world with every opportunity of closely studying every

phase of disease, with experience in the largest hospitals in Europe, we are in a position to offer hope even in the most aggravated cases.

We do not claim to have any particular medicine which will cure almost every known disease. We treat patients on scientific principles, and in complicated cases have to vary the treatment according to the symptoms.

But for one disease we do claim a SPECIFIC and that is in the one known as *Nervous Debility*. We might enter into a long explanation of the symptoms and effects of this disease, but of what use would it be? it would only satisfy idle curiosity in those not requiring treatment, and perhaps needlessly alarm those already suffering. Few are so ignorant of the fearful effects of this most terrible affliction, or of its extent, as to make it necessary to enter into particulars. Thousands yearly sink into premature graves from its effects, while thousands more suffer silently, hardly daring to acknowledge even to themselves the fearful misery it entails. Nor is it

confined to one sex alone; in both we find the same symptoms, *the nerves tremulous, mind confused, lassitude, debility, weakness of the organs, loss of memory, palpitation of the heart, pains in the back and limbs and head, dulness of vision, incapacity for work, languid and pale countenance* (in females, hysteria), *dark circles under the eyes, melancholy, anemia, dizziness, shortness of breath, loss of confidence, unwillingness to look any one in the face,* and many others, not to mention the most distressing of all which unless checked, by a daily or weekly drain on the system, produces all the results mentioned above, and proves an insurmountable obstacle to marriage.

Nor need it be supposed that all this is always brought on by a fault of the person suffering. In many cases it is hereditary weakness, or constitutional, or caused by accident or disease, as well as by errors of youth.

It is to offer a remedy for this insiduous disease that we have OPENED AN OFFICE IN HAMILTON and we invite all to accept advice, WHICH WE GIVE FREELY AND WITHOUT CHARGE. This class of disease has been so

much neglected by the general medical practitioner that many are sacrificed yearly through ignorance of where to obtain skilled advice. The most eminent medical authorities say that there is no disease to which so many are subjected and from the effects of which so many constitutions break down, leaving the mind confused and finally chaotic or idiotic. The insane asylum or an early grave closes the scene.

We leave it to our readers if it is not a noble task we have undertaken—that of restoring those suffering as above to health and strength, and we have confidence derived from long experience that we can do so. We only ask of our patients that they will follow our directions STRICTLY and take the medicines REGULARLY. We have spoken before of difficulties in our way: First, sufferers are often too impatient to be cured, thinking that they ought to find immediate relief, forgetting that the disease has been in existence for years, and in many cases health and strength have never been experienced. The fact is that *Nervous Debility* cannot be quickly cured, it is against the nature of things to

suppose so. The constitution must be gradually restored, and even with care and attention this occupies considerable time.

Again they fear excessive expense, but to this we answer that our charges are as moderate as possible, rarely exceeding $10.00, and in many cases not more than half that sum. We tell our patients candidly what we think of their case, whether hopeful or not. If hopeless we tell them so and ask no fee, if hopeful and they entrust themselves to our care, we do our best for them at as little expense to them as possible. But we think we will be agreed with when we say that it is much better for any man to put up with any other inconvenience than want of health, and that money spent in regaining that should never be regretted. Many have a habit of grumbling at paying a doctor's bill, forgetting the benefit they have derived from his treatment which often amounts to being snatched from death itself.

Again patients do not follow our directions strictly. They continue to indulge in bad practices, and continue the

use of those CURSES OF MANKIND—ALCOHOL and TOBACCO. If alcohol and tobacco were never known we believe disease would be decreased one half. They also allow themselves to dwell on their troubles, neglect proper precautions, such as exercise, bathing, &c., and then wonder the medicine does not cure them more quickly.

So much has been written and so many things offered to the public as a cure for CONSUMPTION and LUNG DISEASES that we hesitate to offer our services to that class of sufferers, not from any fear that we cannot relieve them, but doubting if we will be allowed a fair opportunity of doing so. In aggravated cases we can give the patient ease and quiet, in those not so far advanced a good hope of perfect restoration, and in recent cases a certainty of cure. About this we will say no more.

Could we but publish the communications we have received the last few months we could convince the most skeptical that we can cure these frightful diseases, but as we regard all communications as strictly confidential, we never use any

letter, even with the address and name cut off. We sympathise with the afflicted and would sooner forego profit to ourselves than have our patients be subject to the slightest suspicion. For this purpose we have our office arranged so that there is no liklihood of one patient being seen by another, and we regard all communications as sacred as the confessional. Parties from a distance wishing to consult should write beforehand, and have an hour arranged so as not to be disappointed, as the Doctor is sometimes from home. When he intends visiting any town or city it will be announced in the local papers, stating when and where he is to be seen.

Advice can be given by letter free, and all letters will be cheerfully and promptly answered and medicine expressed to any part of the Dominion. Our Post Office address is J. BELL SIMPSON & Co., DRAWER 91, P. O., HAMILTON, ONT.

The *Specific and Tonic Pills* are for sale by all respectable druggists, or will be sent by mail on receipt of $1.60 for a box of each, or $7.60 for six boxes of each, securely wrapped from observation.

A WORD TO LADIES.

Any lady who entrusts her case to us may rely on having our best services. *Chronic Diseases* peculiar to females receive special attention, and satisfaction is guaranteed. What has come to be widely known as DR. J. BELL SIMPSON'S favorite prescription for FEMALE DISEASES can be relied on as a *specific* in these cases.

All communications will be regarded as **strictly** private and letters promptly answered. Children's diseases will also be successfully treated.

In conclusion we will only re-enumerate the diseases to which we give special attention, although it by no means follows from this that we do not treat other diseases than those specially mentioned, for a knowledge of one necessarily involves a knowledge of all to a greater or less extent. However, to resume: We pay special attention to the treatment of

Nervous Debility from whatever cause arising,

Diseases of Women and Children,

Chronic Diseases of the Liver,

Chronic Diseases of the Kidneys,

Chest Diseases,

Lung Diseases,

Bronchitis,

Rheumatism,

Epilepsy,

Epileptic Fits,

Diseases of the Heart, whether organic or functional,

Indigestion,

Stomach Complaints,

And those diseases in either sex which are better left unnamed, but from which unfortunately only too many erring and often repentant sinners are yearly sinking into premature graves.

We ask all suffering to give the above their earnest consideration, and promise them that if they will call at our office or write to us, they will receive at our hands the *greatest consideration, strictest privacy and skilful treatment.*

DR. J. BELL SIMPSON'S *Specific and Tonic Pills* will be found a certain cure for all cases of *Nervous Debility*, but where complicated with other diseases we recommend special treatment as above. Where more convenient to obtain by mail, the pills will be promptly forwarded on receipt of money. But we will not be responsible for any moneys lost in transit unless the letter is registered.

TESTIMONIALS.

ROBERT ARTHUR, Machinist, Hamilton, is one who offers his name for publication, having been completely cured of *Nervous Debility* by the use of DR. J. BELL, SIMPSON'S SPECIFIC & TONIC PILLS. He has also recommended them to many others and always with satisfactory result.

Others write—

"I feel like a different man."

"Your medicine is doing me a great deal of good."

"Thanks to your medicines, I feel myself restored to health again."

The above are only specimens of hundreds of letters we have received.